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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Akio FUJIBAYASHI et al.

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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
COOLING HOT ROLLED STEEL  
STRIP, AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING HOT ROLLED...

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Examiner :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*A1* 12. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein  
the water breaking means comprises a water breaking roll.

*A2* 16. (Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein a  
clearance between the lowered water breaking means and the steel  
strip is maintained to be 1 to 10 mm.

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